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Hello Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors.

I am sure you are aware of the recent oil train derailment in Oregon. The latest info credits track failure was likely the cause of the oil train derailment and explosion in the Columbia River Gorge Friday. A failure of the fastener between the railroad tie and the line was likely the problem, but more investigation will be required before railroad officials know for sure.

Union Pacific inspects the tracks that run through Mosier twice a week, and the most recent inspection took place on May 31. Union Pacific had completed a more detailed and technical inspection of this section of track at the end of April and found no problems. Interesting, in light of the accident.

Jim Appleton, the fire chief in Mosier, Ore., said in the past, he's tried to reassure his town that the Union Pacific Railroad has a great safety record and that rail accidents are rare. He's changed his mind.

After a long night working with hazardous material teams and firefighters from across the Northwest to extinguish a fire that started when a train carrying Bakken crude derailed in his town, Appleton no longer believes shipping oil by rail is safe. "I hope that this becomes death knell for this mode of shipping this cargo. I think it's insane," he said.

I have walked the tracks in north county and find the antique train overpass at the south end of Paso Robles near 1st street particularly troubling and have taken pictures. Some of these, I understand, were sent to you to the Planning Commissioners to study before their decision was made on the Phillips 66 Proposal. The overpass is deteriorating, the ties in that area are in different states of deterioration and many of the spikes holding the ties in place are half out or are missing altogether. I also showed these pictures to Steve Martin. Apparently, he is unconcerned.

It is beyond my imagination that you can considering incoming oil trains safe as they pass through our town and communities. The Atascadero tracks are particularly close

to San Bonito School. One cannot consider the Phillips 66 Proposal in isolation as though you only have to be concerned about what happens on the Phillips site itself. You are responsible for the safety and well being of residents of your county and in the bigger picture, the region which will be dramatically affected by 3-5 toxic, flammable oil trains traveling from Alberta, Canada to Nipomo over vintage rails which claim to be inspected.

I would ask that three Planning Commissioners, please reconsider your decision. Board of Supervisors, you have a volume of information indicating the dangerous safety issues of approving Phillips 66's proposal.

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